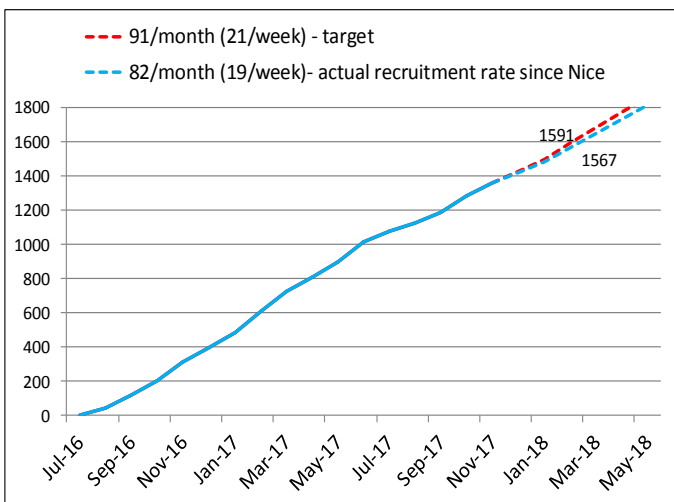


We are almost there...

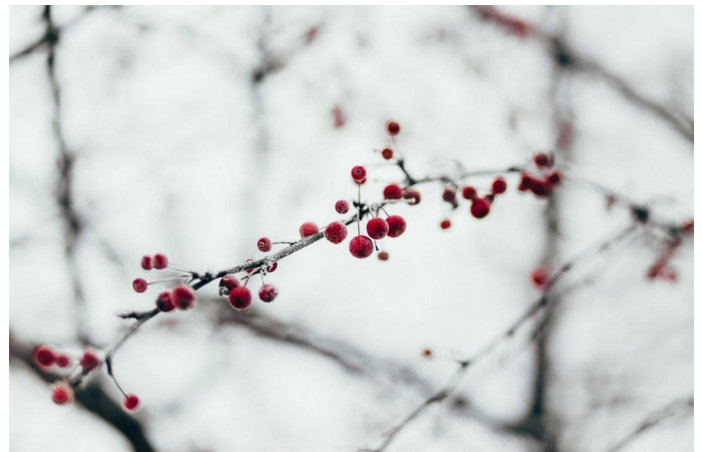


With just 10 weeks of recruitment left we really are nearing the top of the SENATOR mountain! The trial has been challenging in many aspects and thank you all for your ongoing commitment to making it a success. Please continue to recruit to the best of your abilities during this final climb. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to reach our target of 1800 patients due to delays encountered but, if we maintain our recruitment rate of 21 patients per week, we estimate that by the 1st March 2018 we will have reached over 80% of our target. This is a huge accomplishment considering we have 18 months to recruit instead of the planned 24 months.



All I want for Christmas is data...!

From the 20th of December please ensure that all data for patients recruited has been entered on the eCRF. This means in the New Year, Adverse Event Assessments will be completed in real time (i.e within 2 weeks of the patient reaching Day 14) at all sites. We must remember that all ADRs are sent to the PIs for adjudication and we need to allow sufficient time for this important process. May we emphasize the importance of maintaining a recruitment rate which allows you time to collect the data in real time.



What happens after our last patient is recruited?

- March 1st Complete Recruitment
- March 15th Complete Time Point 2 data (Adverse Event Ascertainment)
- March 22nd Complete Adjudications
- 6 weeks analysis and data cleaning (12 week follow up continues)
- May 8th-9th GA meeting
- May 24th Complete 12 week follow up
- June 1st Database lock
- June 1st-30th Final analysis and write up



Qualitative Study– SENATOR intervention



Thank you in advance for the work involved in translating the information sheet and consent form for our qualitative study. Please keep us updated on your submission to your ethics committee to allow Kieran to start scheduling interviews for the new year. Kieran has already conducted interviews in Cork and Aberdeen which went very well. This important study will identify potential reasons for the lower acceptance rates of the SENATOR recommendations observed in the trial. The study aims to explore the views of the research staff involved with the SENATOR trial, and physicians who received advice from these reports. All interview participants will be asked about their perceived barriers and facilitators of this intervention and suggested improvements to the process.



Seasons greetings from the team in Reykjavik

Farewell and best wishes

Last week we bid a sad farewell to Eline in Ghent who has been with us since the beginning of the project. In recent months we also had to say our goodbyes to Veidís in Reykjavik and Aurora in Madrid. Thank you all for your work and we wish you the best as you move to pastures new.



GA meeting 2018

We look forward to welcoming you all to Cork on the 8th and 9th May 2018. On 8th May we will present the much anticipated preliminary results of the analysis. This will be followed by an evening meal and further discussions can take place morning of the 9th May, if required.



Christmas closures

The University College Cork is closed from close of business Friday 22nd December 2017 until 3rd January 2018. If you have any urgent queries to do with randomisation, Evelyn will be available by email (e.flanagan@ucc.ie). Please remember to mark your query as urgent if you do require a response during these times as Evelyn will be addressing urgent queries only.



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